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SUMMARY: THE SOVIETS CONTINUED THEIR EFFORTS TO REVITALIZE THE CONFERENCE, TRYING TO CAPITALIZE ON THE MINOR CONCESSIONS MADE LST WEEK. THEY AGAIN INCREASED THEIR PROPOSED FIGURE FOR TIME OF ADVANCE CONFIDENTIAL

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NOTIFICATION OF MILITARY MANEUVERS--FROM 7 TO 10 DAYS.

YUGOSLAVS, CYPRIOTS, AND MALTESE ANNOUNCED THEY WOULD PRESENT A MORE AMBITIOUS DRAFT FOR A CSCE DECLARATION ON THE MEDITERRANEAN, AND A MEDITERRANEAN WORKING GROUP WAS ESTABLISHED.
ENVIRONMENT SUBCOMMITTEE COMPLETED ITS WORK AND ADJOURNED. END SUMMARY

- 1. GENERAL SITUATION--CANADIAN REP READ PORTIONS OF NATO MINISTERIAL COMMUNIQUE RELATING TO CSCE TO COORDINATING COMMITTEE AS INDICATED OF CONTIUING NEGATIVE WESTERN APPRAISAL OF OVERALL CSCE SITUATION, AND SPECULATION CONTINUED AS TO THE FUTURE CALENDAR OF STAGE II NEGOTIATIONS. MANY WESTERN DELEGATIONS THROUGH STAGE II SHOULD RECESS FOR THE SUMMARY ON JULY 12, AT THE END OF ITS PRESENT WORK SCHEDULE, EVEN THOUGH THE SOVIETS ARE ADVOCATING CONTINURATION UNTIL THE COMPLETION OF STAGE II. THE GENERAL TENDENCY WAS TOWARD A LIMITED EXTENSION OF THE PRESENT SCHEDULE, IF THERE IS ENOUGH PROGRESS TO WARRANT IT. MEANWHILE, THE FIRST SOVIET ALLUSIONS TO THE POSSIBILITY OF A THIRD STAGE IN THE AUTUMN BEGAN TO APPEAR.
- 2. THE MEDITERRANEAN.-YUGOSLAVS, CYPRIOTS, AND MALTESE ANNOUNCED THAT THEY WULD CIRCULATE SHORTLY THEIR DRAFT OF A CSCE DECLARATION ON THE MEDITERRANEAN, WHICH WILL EVIDENTLY BE CONSIDERABLY MORE AMBITIOUS THAN LAST WEEK'S ITALINA DRAFT. YUGOSLAV REP INDICATED THE PAPER BETWEEN STAES TO THE MEDITERRANEAN AREA, AND WOULD BE THE BASIS FOR A CONTINUING DIALOGUE WITH NON-PARTICIPATING MEDITERRANEAN COUNTRIES. SOVIETS INDICATED THEY DID NOT OBJECT IN PRINCIPLE TO A SEPARATE DOCUMENT ON THE MEDITERRANEAN, AND A MEDITERRANEAN WORKING GROUP WAS ESTABLISHED TO EXAMINE THE TWO DRAFTS, AND ANY OTHER MATERIAL WHICH MAY BE INTROUDCED ON THE MEDITERRANEAN.
- 3. PRINCIPLES AND THEIR IMPLEMENTATION--SUBCOMMITTEE ON PRINCIPLES CONTINUED DISCUSSION OF NON-INTERVENTION PRINCIPLE AND YUGOSLAV LANGUAGE SPELLING OUT LESS DIRECT FORMS OF INTERVENTION. YUGOSLAVS DROPPED INSISTENCE ON MENTION OF HOSTILE PROPOGANDA AND INTERVENTION CONFIDENTIAL

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IN CIVIL STRIFE AND, AS BASIS FOR COMPROMISE, SIGNALLED ACCEPTANCE OF FORMULATION REFERRING TO SUBVERSIVE OR OTHER ACTIVITIES DIRECTED AGAINST THE VIOLENT OVERTHROW OF THE REGIME OF ANOTHER PARTICIPATING STATE. MEANWHILE, INTENSIVE INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS FOCUSED ON POSIBILITY OF CONSIDERING NEW FINNISH SENTENCE IN SOVEREIGN EQUALITY PRINCIPLE. SENTENCE CALLS ON STATES TO RESPECT THE POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, AND CULTURAL FOUNDATIONS OF OTHER

STATES WAS WELL AS THEIR RIGHT TO DETERMINE THEIR LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY SYSTEMS. FINNS EXPLAINED THAT SENTENCE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED WITH THEIR RECENTLY TABLED PROPOSAL FOR A BASKET III PREAMBLE, AND THAT TAKEN TOGETHER THESE TEXTS WERE INTENDED TO PROVIDE A MEANS OF BREAKING THE PRESENT CONFERENCE IMPASSE. NEUTRALS AND WESTERN DELS AT WEEK'S END WERE NOT IN AGREEMENT AS TO WHETHER TO DRAFT SUCH A SENTENCE NOT OR LEAVE IT FOR LATER RESOLUTION. CONSULTATIONS ALSO CENTERED AROUND WHAT CONCESSIONS WOULD BE DEMANDED FROM SOVIETS FOR INCLUSION OF THIS SENTENCE. IN THE SPECIAL WORKING BODY DRAFTING PROCEEDED SLOWLY ON A POST-CONFERENCE MANDATE TO STUDY A SYSTEM OF PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES, AND SWISS SHOWED NO SIGNS OF COMPROMISE ON COMPULSORY SYSTEM.

4. MILITARY SECURITY--IN MAJOR PRESENTATION JUNE 18 SOVIETS OUTLINED THEIR VIEWS ON CONFIDENCE-BUILDING MEASURES (CBM'S), ALLOWING THAT TIME FOR PRIOR NOTIFICA-TION OF MAJOR MILITARY MANEUVERS MIGHT BE 10 DAYS INSTEAD OF THEIR PREVIOUS POSITION OF 7 DAYS. INCON-CLUSIVE SUBCOMMITTEE DISCUSSION OF EXCHANGE OF OBERSERVERS CENTERED ON SOVIET INSISTENCE THAT SUCH EXCHANGE TAKE PLACE ONLY "MAJOR" MILITARY MANEUVERS. DRAFTING OF A NEW TEXT UNDER PARAGRAPH 24 OF THE HELSINKI RECOMMENDA-TIONS PRECIPITATED A TWO-DAY DEBATE BETWEEN FRANCE AND USSR OVER SUCH ISSUES AS WHETHER OR NOT AN ARMS RACE EXISTS, AND TO WHAT EXTENT THE CSCE DOCUMENT SHOULD REFER TO MBFR NEGOTIATIONS. CONSENSUS EMERGED FOR A BLAND FORMULATION IN WHICH BOTH ISSUES WERE OBSCURED. NATO CAUCUS DEALTH AT LENGTH WITH PROPOSALS FOR A RESPONSE T THE TWO MINOR SOVIET CONCESSIONS ON TIME AND AREA FOR PRIOR NOTIFICATION OF MAJOR MILITARY MANEUVERS. MOST CONFIDENTIAL

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ALLIED DELEGATIONS FAVOR REDUCING THE TIME FOR PRIOR NOTIFICATION OF MILITARY MANEUVERS FROM 60 TO 50 DAYS AND INCREASING THE THRESHOLD FOR NOTIFICATION FROM 10,000 MEN TO 12,000. AS YET THERE IS NOF FINAL AGREEMENT ON THE SUBSTANCE OR TIMING OF THE NATO RESPONSE.

5. ECONOMICS, SCIENCE/TECHNOLOGY, ENVIRONMENT -- FULL COMMITTEE REMAINED DEADLOCKED OVER WHETHER TO HAVE A REFERENCE TO "DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, INCLUDING THOSE IN EUROPE" IN THE BASKET II PREAMBLE; TURKEY, WITH NATO SUPPORT, FAVORS, AND SOVIET BLOC OPPOSES. SUBCOMMITTEE ON COMMERCIAL EXCHANGES CONTINUED WORK ON BUSINESS CONTACTS BUT FAILED TO REACH FINAL AGREEMENT ON A KEY PARAGRAPH BECAUSE OF CONTINUING CZECH INSISTENCE THAT ACTIONS BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH EXISTING LAWS

AND REGULATIONS. SUBCOMMITTEE ON INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION MADE GOOD PROGRESS, REGISTERING TEXTS CONCERNING IMPROVING THE QUALITY AND QUANTITY OF INFORMATION RELEVANT TO INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION, INCLUDING FOREIGN EXCHANGE REGULATIONS, AND ENCOURAGING ALL FORMS OF EXCHANGES OF INFORMATION RELEVANT TO INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION, SUCH AS CONTACTS BETWEEN PORTENTIAL PARTNERS. SUBCOMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY PROVISIONALLY REGISTERED ALL TEXTS CONCERNING RECOMMENDATIONS TO INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS EXCEPT FOR PARAGRAPH DEALING WITH UNISIST, WHICH IS STILL UNDER DISCUSSION. ENVIRONMENT SUBCOMMITTEE COMPLETED ITS WORK AND ADJOURNED, WITH UNDERSTANDING THAT IT COULD BE RECONVENED IF THE NEED ARISES.

6. HUMANITARIAN COOPERATION -- IN BOTH FORMAL AND INFORMAL SESSIONS OF FULL COMMITTEE SOVIETS SHOWED LITTLE INTEREST IN GENUINE DRAFTING ON BASKET III PREAMBLE, BUT CONTINUED TO CALL FOR SPECIFIC REFERENCES TO NON-INTERFERENCE AND RESPOECT FOR SOVEREIGNTY, LAWS AND CUSTOMS. IN HUMAN CONTACTS SUBCOMMITTEE THE KEY PAPER ON FAMILY REUNIFICATION LANGUISHED AS THE EC-9 RAN INTO INTERNAL PROBLEMS IN GETTING THE FRG TO CLEAR A POSSIBLE COMPROMISE TEXT. DISCUSSION MOVED ON TO PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL TRAVEL WITH SURPRISING SOVIET RESISTANCE TO A MILD BELGIAN PAPER. IN INFORMATION SUBCOMMITTEE SOVIETS HELD FIRM TO THEIR MINIMAL TEXT ON ACCESS TO CONFIDENTIAL

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PRINTED INFORMATION, AND COMPROMISE EFFORTS FLOUNDERED. AS IN HUMAN CONTACTS, DISCUSSION MOVED TO THE NEXT TOPIC, EXCHANGES OF INFORMATION, ESSENTIALLY AN EASTERN SUBJECT. IN SUBCOMMITTEE ON CULTURE, EAST CONTINUED TO STONEWALL ON KEY ISSUE OF ACCESS TO CULTURAL WORKS, INVOLVING ESTABLISHMENT OF LIBRARIES AND READING ROOMS. SUBCOMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, HOWEVER, MADE SOME PROGRESS, AND SOVIETS MADE CONDITIONAL CONCESSION ON US-SUPPORTED PROPOSAL TO FACILITATE PARTICIPATION OF SCIENTISTS IN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES AND SYMPOSIA.

7. COMMENT: WITH THE OTTAWA MINISTERIAL COMMUNIQUE CLEARLY OUTLINING THE JOINT WESTERN VIEW OF THE CONFERENCE, DELEGATIONS HERE LOOKED FORWARD TO THE MOSCOW SUMMIT WITH A MIXTURE OF APPREHENSION AND HOPE. IT SEEMED CLEAR THAT BREZHNEV WOULD PRESS THE PRESIDENT TO JOIN HIM IN MOVING TO BRING THE CONFERENCE TO A QUICK CONCLUSION. THE KEY TO SUCH AN EFFORT WOULD BE A FIRM COMMITMENT FROM THE PRESIDENT ON TIMING AND LEVEL OF STAGE III, AND NATO ALLIES AND NEUTRALS WERE UNANIMOUS IN HOPING THE PRESIDENT WOULD UNDERTAKE NO COMMITMENTS OF THIS KIND. ON THE OTHER HAND, MOST

WESTERN DELEGATIONS REALIZED THAT THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES IS BETTER PLACED THAN ANYONE ELSE TO OBTAIN FROM THE SOVIETS THOSE CONCESSIONS ON BASKET III AND MILITARY SUBJECTS WHICH ARE ESSENTIAL IF WESTERN COUNTRIES ARE TO JUDGE CSCE A SUCCESS. THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT THE WESTERN GROUP HOPES FOR AND EXPECTS THE PRESIDENT TO MAKE AN EFFORT IN THIS DIRECTION. END COMMENT DALE

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